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2006	4/17/56	SA to SAC Memo	2	—	NY FILE #100-109849
2007	4/17/56	CG Report to HQ	17	—	BUFILE # 65-58236
2008	4/17/56	SA to SAC Memo re: Third Party	2	—	NY FILE # 100-109849
2009	4/17/56	SA to SAC Memo	3	3	
2009A	4/17/56	Complaint Form FD-71	1	1	
2010	4/18/56	SA to SAC Memo re: National Guardian	2	2	
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2013	4/19/56	SA to SAC Memo	2	2	
2014	4/19/56	NY letter to NK re: Emergency Civil Liberties	3	0	
2015	4/19/56	MM letter to HQ	1	1	
2016	4/20/56	SA to SAC Memo	1	1	

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2017	4/20/56	SA to SAC Memo re Third Party	1	0	
2018	4/20/56	SA to SAC Memo re Third Party	2	0	
2019	4/20/56	OL letter to HQ	3	0	
2020	4/23/56	SA to SAC Memo	2	2	
2021	4/23/56	CE letter to HQ	2	2	
2022	4/25/56	WFO letter to NY re Jewish Life	4	—	NY FILE # 100-109849
2023	4/26/56	SA to SAC Memo	5	—	NY FILE # 100-109849
2024	4/27/56	SL Circular to HQ	1	0	
2025	4/27/56	DL letter to HQ	2	2	
2026	DATE EXEMPT	SA to SAC Memo	3	3	
2027	4/30/56	DE letter to HQ	2	2	
2028	4/30/56	SA to SAC Memo	2	2	

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2029	5/2/56	SA to SAC Memo re Third Party	2	0	
2030	5/2/56	SA to SAC Memo re National Guardian	2	2	
2031	5/3/56	PH Airtel to HQ	3	3	
2032	5/3/56	Complaint form FD-71	1	1	
2033	5/3/56	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
2034	5/4/56	NY Airtel to HQ re Morton Sobell	1	-	See Bufile 101-2483
2035	5/4/56	SL Airtel to HQ	1	0	
2035A	4/25/56	attached to (2036) Third Party Letter	1	0	
2036	5/4/56	BS letter to NY	1	1	
2037	5/4/56	SA to SAC Memo re Third Party	1	1	
2038	5/4/56	LA Report to HQ	25	25	
2039	5/4/56	DE Airtel to HQ	1	1	

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2039A	5/4/56	SA to SAC Memo re: National Guardian	2	-	NY FILE # 100-37158
2040	5/7/56	HQ letter to AAG	1	1	
2040A	5/7/56	SA to SAC Memo	3	0	
2041	5/8/56	SAC letter to Telephone Co.	1	1	
2042	5/8/56	SA to SAC Memo	1	2	NY FILE # 100-109849
2043	5/10/56	HQ airtel NY	2	2	
2044	5/10/56	SA to SAC Memo re: Third Party	3	0	
2045	5/11/56	WFO airtel to HQ	3	2	
2046	5/11/56	SA to SAC Memo	2	2	
2047	5/14/56	SA to SAC Memo	3	0	
2048	5/14/56	SA to SAC Memo	4	4	
2049	5/14/56	HQ to NY letter	1	1	

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2050	5/14/56	SA to SAC Memo re United May Day Committee	6	0	
2051	5/14/56	SA to SAC Memo	3	3	
2052	5/14/56	WFO Airtel to HQ re Washington Area Citizens Forum	2	2	
2053	5/14/56	SA to SAC Memo re Emergency Civil Liberties	2	2	
2054	5/15/56	SL Airtel to HQ	1	0	
2055	5/15/56	WFO Airtel to HQ	2	2	
2056	5/16/56	HQ AIRTEL to NY	3	-	NY FILE # 100-37158-1736
2057	5/16/56	SA to SAC Memo	2	0	
2058	5/17/56	WFO Airtel to HQ	3	2	
2059	5/18/56	SF letter to HQ	2	2	
2060	5/18/56	SA to SAC Memo	4	0	
2061	5/18/56	SA to SAC Memo	3	0	

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2062	5/23/56	LA LETTER TO HQ WITH 2 ATTACHMENTS	2 2	1/2 1	1 DPE
2063	5/24/56	WFO Airtel to HQ	2	2	
2064	5/24/56	SF Report to HQ	21	-	BUFILE # 65-58236
2065	5/25/56	SA to SAC Memo re Third Party	15	0	
2066	5/25/56	SA to SAC Memo	1	1	
2067	5/24/56	WFO Airtel to HQ	2	2	
2068	5/28/56	WFO Airtel to HQ	3	3	
2069	5/28/56	SA to SAC Memo	2	2	
2070	5/28/56	BA letter to HQ	1	1	
2071	5/28/56	CG letter to HQ	1	1	
2072	5/29/56	DL letter to HQ	1	1	
2073	5/29/56	NY letter to HQ	2	2	

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See also Nos.

Mr. Conrad - Sub A

Mr. Paul - Sub B

Mr. Patrick - Sub C

Mr. Murray - Sub D

Mr. Corbin - Sub E

Mr. Clements - Sub F

Replied
Sept 1
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

United States Government

TO: SAC, NY 100-107111 DATE: 4/17/56

FROM: WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT, Supervisor

SUBJECT: *National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, aka*
IS - C
THUMBAIL SKETCH.DEADLINE MAY 7, 1956

Per instructions set forth in Section 87D, paragraph 4, Manual of Instructions, the NYO must submit each year a letter advising the Bureau that a review of the thumbnail sketches being used by the NYO has been conducted and that all sketches are accurate and up to date.

The above captioned organization is among those organizations on which a thumbnail sketch has previously been submitted to the Bureau or is one on which it might be desirable to submit a sketch to the Bureau.

SA *McDon* is assigned to review the existing thumbnail sketch on the captioned organization to determine if it is accurate and up to date or to review the case file and prepare an original sketch in cases where this has not been done.

AIDS:

1. Review Section 87D, paragraph 4, Manual of Instructions and SAC Letter 55-33.
2. Be sure sketch conforms with report writing requirements:

a. When T symbol is used, date information was received and period to which it pertains must be shown.

b. Use of T symbols should be reduced to a minimum. Check to see if T symbols previously used can now be eliminated and the source set out by name.

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JAH:JK
done 5/1/56
Sheldon

MEMO

4/17/56

c. Whenever possible similar information from a source that can be disclosed should be substituted for information from a source which must be concealed.

d. Information regarding the formation or dissolution of an organization should be attributed to corporation, tax or other official records rather than from informants or individuals where possible.

e. If an organization is defunct or has changed its "line", this should be included with the pertinent dates.

f. Current existence of organization should be shown. This usually can be done by stating the current location or organization's headquarters. The source for an organization's headquarters should not be a part of the thumbnail sketch, but should be shown at the end of the letter along with the identity of any sources which may have been concealed in the sketch.

On completion of his review, the agent will prepare a letter to the Bureau in duplicate with a copy to NY file 100-90311 (Thumbnail Sketch) (7-2) with the caption and character of the organization involved. Below the character the words THUMBNAIL SKETCH should be added. This letter should contain an accurate, current, complete thumbnail sketch on the captioned organization. The letter should open with a statement identifying the sketch as either an amended or an original sketch and should close with the statement that careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and T symbols were used only where absolutely necessary. At the time this sketch is dictated the stenographer should be directed to prepare a 5 x 8 card setting forth the complete thumbnail sketch. This card should also reflect the name of the organization in upper left corner, name of preparing agent, and date of preparation in top center and NY file number in upper right corner.

MEMO

4/17/56

In cases where the present thumbnail sketch is current and no changes are made, the letter need only state this fact. However, the paragraph, "Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and T symbols used only where absolutely necessary" must also be set out in every instance.

In cases where the previously submitted thumbnail sketch is discontinued or no longer useful the letter submitted need only state that thumbnail sketch is being cancelled.

These letters should not be dated and should be submitted to the supervisor whose squad normally handles this type of organization (in this case _____) for signing and forwarding to Section 7-2.

All letters must reach Section 7-2 by May 7, 1956. Section 7-2 will date all letters and forward them to Bureau by cover memo.

COMPLAINT FORM
FD-71
(9-29-54)

To: Sect: 20-10

NOTE: HANDPRINT NAMES LEGIBLY; HANDWRITING SATISFACTORY FOR REMAINDER

SUBJECT'S NAME AND ALIASES COMMITTEE TO DEFEND MORTON SOBELL		ADDRESS OF SUBJECT		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	
COMPLAINANT DR. BERNARD JACOBS		ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF COMPLAINANT 1160 Groswell Ave., Bx., NY CY 3 4578		DATE AND TIME COMPLAINT RECEIVED 4/27/56	
SUBJECT'S DESCRIPTION	RACE	SEX <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
	HAIR	EYES	BIRTH DATE	BIRTHPLACE	
	BUILD	COMPLEXION	SCARS AND MARKS		
OTHER DATA					

FACTS OF COMPLAINT

Dr. JACOBS telephonically advised that he received literature through the mail sent by the Committee to Defend Morton Sobell. He stated he wanted to go on record as against any such committee, and does not know how they obtained his name and address.

He said that he desired to send this material to the NYO, and the writer thanked him for his cooperation.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

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Peter C
On 4-24-56 - SP Clemente contacted Dr Jacobs by phone. Dr Jacobs stated he mailed the above mentioned literature to the NYO.
Dr Jacobs knows any association with the Committee would be fraudulent.
[Redacted]

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P. C. Clemente
Shubert

CHARLES W. COOK #14
SPECIAL AGENT

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC
FROM: SA SHERRILL W. LAW
SUBJECT: NATIONAL GUARDIAN
IS-C

DATE: APR 11 1956

MEETING: National Guardian Readers Club
PLACE: 11 Bryant St., Bridgeport, Conn.
DATE: 3/23/56
RECEIVED: 4/5/56 (written)
INFORMANT: [REDACTED]
LOCATION: [REDACTED] 870

[REDACTED]

According to the informant, PAULA MacLENN commented on a letter sent from Washington to JOE BARNES in answer to a letter they sent to the President and Senators on 2/17/56. She said the letter assured that everything possible would be done to see that the civil rights for the people of Alabama and other states would be carried out.

LOUIS BARNES showed a film entitled "The Faces of Larkin" and then a discussion was entered into concerning the boycott in Montgomery, Ala. and REV. MARTIN KING. ISAAC GRANT related some of the experiences he has had in southern states. GIL STRUNK said the Negro does not only love

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SNL/wh

cc:

[REDACTED]

100-15408 (Committee To Secure Justice For MORTON SOBELL)
1 - NY (Committee to Secure Justice For MORTON SOBELL) (RM)

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re: National Guardian

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his struggles in the South, he also has them right here in Conn. He said in West Hartford a Negro could not stay there over 24 hours and could not buy property there, although there was one Negro family that has lived there and owned their property for a long time.

Informant related that PAULA MacLEECH is having a dinner at her home on 4/7/56 to raise money for MORTON SOBELL.

CARL BENTLEY had some papers for everyone to sign to send to Congressmen, Senators, and the Attorney General calling for steps to be taken in the boycotting in Alabama.

FRANK TAYLOR took up a collection which is supposed to be sent to Rev. KING in Ala. and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

 also furnished the following literature: 670

1. Mimeographed letter re SOBELL case and containing invitation to dinner at home of PAULA MacLEECH on 4/7/56 for the benefit of SOBELL. (forwarded to instant file)
2. Invitation to instant Guardian Meeting. (forwarded to instant file)
3. Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights (CVCR) pamphlet captioned "Civil Rights Beacon" dated 3/19/56 received through mail. (forwarded to CVCR file.)
4. CVCR pamphlet captioned "Report from Conn. No. 8" dated 3/1/56. (forwarded to CVCR file).

TO: SAC
FROM: SA SHERRILL W. LAW (100-16408)
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C

DATE: 4/18/56

The following information was furnished by [REDACTED] who has supplied reliable information in the past:

Meeting: "Morton Sobell Dinner"
Date: 4/7/56
Place: 53 Prospect Street
Bridgeport, Connecticut
Received: 4/17/56 (Written)
Informant: [REDACTED]
Agent: [REDACTED] IAW
Location: [REDACTED] b7D

The above address is the residence of PAULA MAC LEECH.
Those attending were as follows:

[REDACTED] b7D

1-New York (Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell) (RM)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The guests were a young couple (around 30) introduced as SARAH and DAVID. SARAH was the speaker and represented the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL in New York City.

SARAH spoke for about twenty-five minutes outlining the case against MORTON SOBELL, during which time she cited the following facts:

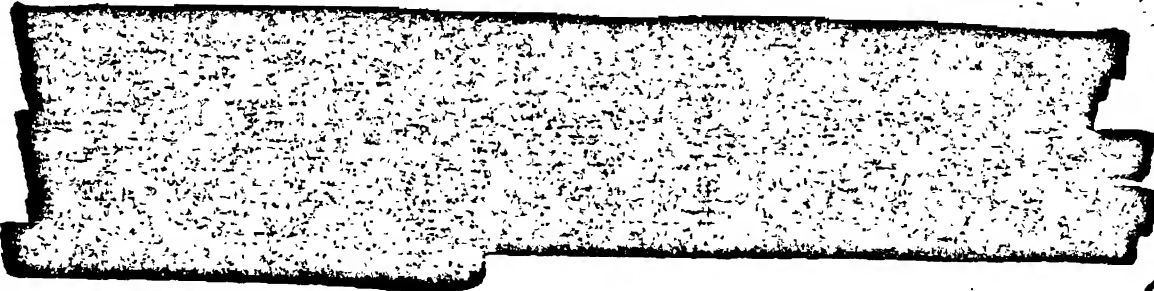
MORTON SOBELL had been kidnapped by FBI men from Mexico, and the immigration officer who testified at the trial that SOBELL had been deported by Mexican authorities had perjured himself. The whole case against SOBELL was based on the testimony of MATTHEW ELETCHER, a former classmate of SOBELL's at New York University. ELETCHER's testimony was forced out of him by the government, who could threaten him with perjury prosecution for taking a false non-communist oath in 1947. Judge KAUFMAN even said in his charge to the jury, "If you do not believe ELETCHER's testimony, you must acquit SOBELL." SARAH outlined other incidents on the case, including ELIZABETH BENTLEY's testimony, all of which is included in a book on the case by JOHN WEXLEY. SARAH said the Committee is working for two objectives: (1) to secure a new trial and acquittal for SOBELL based on new evidence, and (2) to press the White House for commutation of sentence to time already served, pardon, or amnesty. The second goal is to be achieved by mass circulation of the Wexley Book and the favorable reviews and comments being made in reference to it.

After the talk, a committee was set up to handle a mass mailing of literature to local clergymen, faculty members at the University of Bridgeport, lawyers, Jewish leaders, etc.

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After the mailing, it is anticipated that there will be follow-up visits to the leaders in various fields.



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC
FROM: SA EDWARD HOWARD CALL
SUBJECT: NATIONAL GUARDIAN
IS-C

DATE: APR 19 1956

GROUP: NATIONAL GUARDIAN READERS CLUB MTG.
PLACE: 17. Boyer St., Bridgeport, Conn.
DATE: 3/23/56
INFO FROM: [REDACTED]
FURNISHED TO: SA EDWARD HOWARD CALL
DATE FURNISHED: 3/28/56
LOCATION: [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the following individuals were present at the above-mentioned meeting. b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] advised that the meeting commenced with PAULA MacLEACH announcing that the NATIONAL GUARDIAN READERS CLUB will sponsor a dinner to be held 4/7/56 at 53 Prospect St., Bridgeport, Conn. The purpose is to raise funds. b7D

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cc:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7C
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100-10600 (Committee 3,
To Secure Justice For
MORTON SOBELL)
1 - NY (Committee To
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for the "Committee To Secure Justice For MORTON SOBELL". She told the group that attorneys for SOBELL are prepared to proceed in court in April to demand a new trial for SOBELL. FRANK TAYLOR read the latest bulletin he received from the Committee To Secure Justice For MORTON SOBELL.

CARL BENTLEY gave a report on the proposals of the Action Committee which were decided at their last meeting. All members of the National Guardian Readers Club were notified on their invitations that they were to bring donations of canned goods for the strikers at Bryant Electric Company in Bridgeport. All members were urged to write letters to the Bridgeport newspapers protesting the "terror in the South" and also to write to the Bridgeport Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) suggesting some form of action the NAACP should take against this "terror" in the South. All individuals present were asked to sign letters to be sent to Senators BUSH and PURTELL and Representative MORANO.

LOIS BARNES showed a film on "Races of Mankind"; this film pointed out how different nationalities could live and work together in peace. This film further pointed out that there are four types of blood and that color doesn't have anything to do with the various blood types. The film revealed that there are three races of people, Caucasian, Negroid and Mongoloid, but there are no differences biologically, but that all races are equal in strength and mental capacity.

At the conclusion of the showing of the film, ISAAC GRANT made a few comments saying that all races should be able to live together in peace and harmony and the Negroes will have to continue their struggle for equality. GRANT cited as an example the bus strike that has been in existence in Alabama.

PAUL MacLEACH told the group that all money received in the collection would be sent to Montgomery, Alabama, to help the Negroes participating in the boycott.

TO : SAC, NEW YORK(100-107111)(
FROM : SA ELLSWORTH GUSTAFSON
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL

DATE: 4/19/56

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IS-C

CSNY 48-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. This building is occupied by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, all of which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. In addition, other Communist Party front groups and individual CP members or sympathizers occupy offices at this address. Prior to 2/1/53 the State and National Offices of the Civil Rights Congress, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450 were located at this address. Subsequent to that date space in the building has been occupied by SHG Publications, Inc., publishers of "New World Review" formerly known as "Soviet Russia Today" which has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 6/25/42 and 3/29/44.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

Date information received 2/13/56

Identity of employee who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit:

SA ELLSWORTH GUSTAFSON & SE FRANCIS W. MILLER

The following disposition is being made of the original exhibit:

(x) Place in NY file # 100-107111 Serial
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() Forwarded to you for your information and whatever action you deem appropriate.

Description of exhibit: SEE ATTACHED

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Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell

940 BROADWAY (Entrance on 22nd Street) NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

ALgonquin 4-9983

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January 19, 1956.

Dear Friend:

You will be pleased to know that the Washington Heights Committee is going to have another rummage sale at 1469 St. Nicholas Ave., near 184th Street, starting Monday, February 13th and ending Saturday night, February 18th. They need all you can give away or solicit from others, especially

coats and suits
costume jewelry
electrical appliances still working
dishes, pots and pans.

They would like to have your contributions on Saturday evening, February 11th or Sunday, February 12th. Please contact Bessie Bluestein at WA 8-2823.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Aaron Schneider

Aaron Schneider
FOR THE COMMITTEE

P.S. If in addition you can give any time during the week of February 13th, that would be very helpful.

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to Executive Order 11652 as it contains
information which would disclose an intelligence
source. This serial bears the Classification
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 19, 1956

FROM : SAC, MIAMI

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
National Committee to Secure Justice for
MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case
IS - C

Rerap SA CHARLES W. EDMISTON dated 3/30/56 at
Miami and captioned as above.

New York and Newark Offices are requested to
correct copies of rerap as follows:

Page 3, paragraph 4, line 3 "advised on April 7,
1947" instead of April 7, 1946.

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835)(RM)
- 1 - New York (100-107111)(RM)
- 1 - Newark (100-36202)(RM)
- 1 - Miami (100-12292)

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J. L. ...

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-107111)

DATE: 4/20/56

FROM : SA GUSTAV S. ABRANDT, 7-2

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL,
IS-C

The "DAILY WORKER", 4/20/56, page 2, column 2, announces
a rally of captioned committee for May 15, 1956, at Carnegie
Hall, New York City.

- 1 - ASAC D. E. MOORE, DIV. IV
- 1 - SUPERVISOR T. S. MILLER, #12
- 1 - SUPERVISOR C. J. RYAN, #20
- 1 - SUPERVISOR F. J. SMITH, #19
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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC

FROM: SA SHERRILL W. LAW

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C

DATE: APR 23 1956

The following information was received from [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past:

Meeting: "MORTON SOBELL Dinner"
Date: 4/7/56
Place: 53 Prospect St., Bridgeport,
Conn.
Received: 4/11/56 (written)
Informant: [REDACTED]
Agent: SA SHERRILL W. LAW
Location: [REDACTED]

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Mrs. HAMILTON (phonetic) from the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in New York City was the speaker for the evening and she went into the ROSENBERG and SOBELL cases and urged the people

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to raise money to support the case and to write to the president to free SOEELL.

MRS. HAMILTON said everyone should read the book on the ROSENBERG case and they should get the book into the hands of every American to read, including donating one to the City Library. Leaflets were also passed out concerning the topics discussed.

One of these books was raffled off and several winners gave it back as they had read it and wanted someone to win it who had not read it.

[REDACTED] B7D
The following literature was obtained by [REDACTED] at this dinner: B7D

1. Reprint of a letter to the Editor of the Manchester Guardian dated 3/26/56.
2. Reprint of the Western Political Quarterly for Dec., 1955 giving a book review of "The Judgment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG" by JOHN WEXLEY.
3. Reprint of the Toronto Globe and Mail issue of 3/27/56 setting forth an article "Soul in Prison".

This literature being forwarded to captioned file.

Director, FBI (100-387835)

4/23/56

SAC, Charlotte (100-81411)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
Aka National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee
IS - C; ISA, 1950

Re New York teletype dated 3/9/56 and Charlotte
airtel to Bureau 3/14/56.

For information Newark (which Office inadvertently
did not receive copies of Charlotte airtel), it is noted that
on 3/9/56 who has furnished reliable information
in the past

stated to SA CARMON
J. STUART that he had no information whatever indicating any
effort being made or was contemplated to set up any headquarters
by the captioned organization. He had no information on behalf
of this committee. He stated that he had not heard of any
visit to Winston-Salem actual or contemplated by an AARON
SCHNEIDER whose name he did not recognize. 870

Informant was alerted to report any information
of this nature that might come to his attention and in regular
contacts up through and including a contact on 4/17/56 Informant
was found not to have received any information of this subject.

No information indicating the existence of any
such committee has been obtained through investigation of Security
subjects or CP organization at Winston-Salem.

Informant has reported specifically on 4/17/56
to SA STUART that since the most active members of the CP in
Winston-Salem had appeared as unfriendly and uncooperative
witnesses at hearings of the HCUA in Charlotte, N. C. on
3/12 - 14/56 that the party activity at Winston-Salem has been
completely disorganized. He noted that all of those individuals

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who were witnesses had been dismissed from their employments and that club meetings were not being held regularly as they were before the HCUA Hearings.

At the HCUA Hearings, it was reported in the press that questions were asked by committee council tending to illicit any information indicating recent activity on the part of the captioned committee, but that no such information was given in testimony.

This Office will remain alert through Informants and logical sources to develop and report any information indicating activity on the part of this committee in the Winston-Salem area.

If the Newark Office has any further definite information indicating contact was established in Winston-Salem, N. C., by AARON SCHNEIDER, such information should be furnished to Charlotte.

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ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
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[Handwritten signature and initials]

Director, FBI (100-387835)

4/27/56

SAC, Dallas (65-1897)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka: National
Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, National
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton
Sobell in the Rosenberg Case
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) 1/3 *clack*
DATE *3/23/56* *AV/562*

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On 3/8/56, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in
the past, advised SA EDWIN D. KUTNER that this informant
believed the name of the person mentioned [redacted]
[redacted] was AARON SCHNEIDER, instead of ALVIN SCHNEIDER.
DL-2-S understood that the Dallas meeting of the National Com-
mittee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (NCSJMS) attended b7D
by SCHNEIDER was about four weeks ago.

This informant has no information indicating that SCHNEIDER
was in Dallas, Texas, on 3/3/56, or at any other time, except
the one visit about four weeks ago.

[redacted] b7D

[redacted] b7D

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM)
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Letter to Bureau
DL 65-1897
4/27/56

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The "Dallas Morning News", a local newspaper published daily in Dallas, Texas, under date of 3/9/56, carried a column by VICTOR RIESEL, copyright 1956, the Hall Syndicate, which mentioned that the MORTON SOBELL Committee had sent one of their better labor men, AARON SCHNEIDER, to the South. They were allegedly to set up committee headquarters in Miami and Orlando, Florida; New Orleans, Louisiana; Houston, Austin, and Dallas, Texas; Atlanta, Georgia; and Winston Salem, North Carolina.

It is noted that informants have not reported the formation of any committee headquarters in the Dallas, Texas area.

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There was no other information available to [REDACTED] who received this information in Fort Worth, Texas. b2

The photographs enclosed for the Dallas Office from the Newark Division are not being displayed [REDACTED] inasmuch as the information obtained by this informant was hearsay.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has never seen AARON SCHNEIDER, and consequently, the photographs were not displayed to this informant. b7D

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, (100-11726)

DATE: [REDACTED]

FROM : SA CLARK S. SMITH

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE
IS - C

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information
in the past personally furnished SA CLARK S. SMITH on
4-11-56 a three-page handwritten report dated [REDACTED]
which is being filed in [REDACTED] This report
is being quoted as follows:

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[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Mo.
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sobel committee meeting. B7D

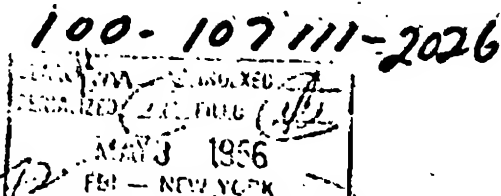
"DAVE ALMAN speaker to inform and report on
recent developments in Sobel's case.

cc. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
1 - New York - info) (RM) ←
100-6923 (CP, Funds)
100-7789 (CP, Political Activities)

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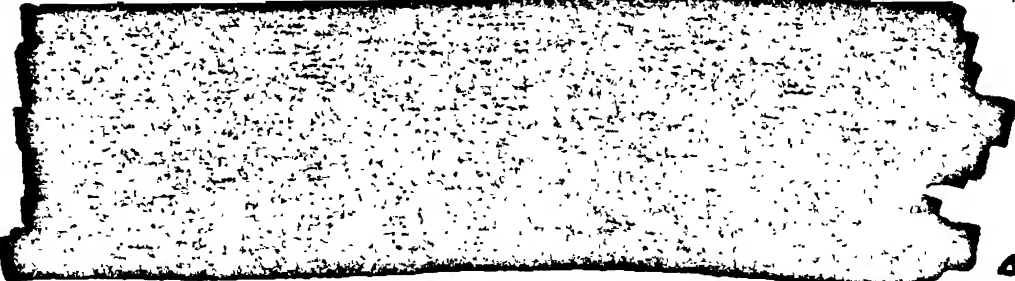
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"Reported that plans were to spend about \$300,000 on release of Sobell. Millions of pc's of mail. We the committee to double and triple activity. Mailing contribution to Sobell headquarters.

"They are now over 40 functioning groups or committees in various states and in Denver and western cities, where conservatism is prevalent the best reception is accorded to Sobell groups also announcing that HAVEN PERKINS was made a traveling representative of committee.

"Stated that the policy to follow is to have politics to help if not to try to have them not to hinder. Early in the defense of Sobell they the committee visited JOE McCARTHY and got an agreement out of him. Not antagonize or go against Sobell in public as he was told it would not help him with the Jews thought help may gotten out of he Senator JOE McCARTHY. But also they was no attacks in public against Sobell by he or Cohn, one of the Rosenberg prosecutors.

"You have in your state one person whom may be gotten to by somebody to help you his name is Former president HARRY TRUMAN whom with LANGER and other senators may join in appealing for a pardon for Sobell. Which I estimate may take place within two yrs. Said to CLARA PERKINS that more meetings were to take place otherwise it may be that Sobell himself would be there, before the next meeting. Affairs were to be given to raise money raffles, etc. any means to get it should be appraised and action taken.



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"WM. SENTNER had a petition with the name of
HERSCHEL WALKER a candidate for a free holder
of St. Louis, Mo. for which he SENTNER was
soliciting names and signatures of those present.

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] orally advised SA SMITH on [REDACTED] that on
the second page of his report although it is not too clear,
meant it to read: "Early in the defense of Sobell the
the committee visited Joe McCarthy and got an agreement
out of him not to antagonize or go against Sobell publicly
as he was told it would not help him with the Jews." b7D
It was not thought any help was obtained from Senator
Joseph McCarthy, but also there were no attacks in public
against Sobell by he or Cohn, one of the Rosenberg
prosecutors.

Director, FBI (100-387835)

April 30, 1956

SAC, Detroit (100-20938)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
IS - C; ISA OF 1950
(OO - New York)

Re O-1 Form dated April 26, 1956, and Detroit letter to
Bureau dated February 21, 1956.

The Detroit Office has conducted investigation to determine
whether the captioned organization is presently active in this area.

[REDACTED]

The above is the only known activity in this area during
1956.

[REDACTED] WAS recontacted on April 30, 1956, by SA JAMES
C. HOLMES regarding the above organization and meetings on behalf of
MORTON SOBELL, and she advised that she was not aware of any current
activity. b7D

On April 23, 1956, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that Post Office Box 2854 had been rented in the
name of the "Detroit Committee for Rosenberg - Sobell." It had
been rented for a three-month period, which expired April 20, 1956,
and was not renewed. b7C

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
1 - New York (100-107111) (Info.) (REGISTERED)
1 - Detroit

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Letter to Director, FBI

Re: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
IS - C; ISA OF 1950

The following Security Informants of the Detroit Division who are familiar with the CP and CP front group activities in the Detroit area were contacted on April 30, 1956, and advised that they have received no indication of any current activity on the part of captioned organization in this area:

[REDACTED] contacted by SA WILLIAM R. BILLING,

[REDACTED] contacted by SA WILLIAM R. BILLING,

[REDACTED] contacted by SA MELVILLE H. SEANNON. 670

This matter will be kept in a pending status and active investigation will continue to determine whether the organization plans to resume activity in this area. The Bureau and Office of Origin will be kept advised of these results and if any future pertinent activities are noted, an investigative report will be submitted.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111 (7-2)

DATE: 4/30/56

FROM : SA RICHARD F. BATES (12-14)

SUBJECT: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
IS-C
ISA-1950

Source: [REDACTED] b7D

Reliability:

who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Information furnished:

letter announcing a meeting
of the Committee to Secure
Justice for MORTON SOBELL,
May 15, 1956, Carnegie Hall,
New York City.

Printed letter of BERTRAND
RUSSELL to the "Manchester
Guardian", 3/26/56, criticizing
the FBI in the SOBELL case.

Received:

4/13/56

Received by:

SA RICHARD F. BATES

Location:

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[REDACTED] on 4/13/56, made available the following
described items: [REDACTED] b7D

A mimeographed letter from the Committee to Secure
Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New
York, dated April 6, 1956, and bearing the mimeographed
signature of AARON SCHNEIDER.

[REDACTED]
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This letter announced a public meeting to be held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on Tuesday, May 15, 1956, at 8:00 PM, at which new, sensational, disclosures in the SOBELL case would be made.

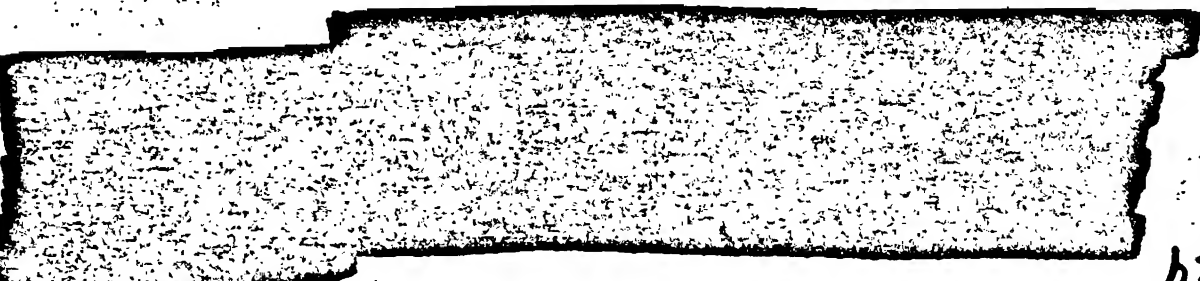
According to the letter, the meeting was for the purpose of discussing and disclosing the new evidence and important authorities on the case would analyze and comment on the evidence of subornation of perjury by the prosecution.

The letter also stated that the attorney for SOBELL had informed the Committee that before the end of this month (April, 1956) they would ^{enter} the courts to seek a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

A reprint of a letter written by BERTRAND RUSSELL to the editor of the "Manchester Guardian" criticizing the FBI and requesting the support of the editor in the case of MORTON SOBELL.

This letter appeared in the "Manchester Guardian" of March 26, 1956, and reprints of it were issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

Items one and two described above, are being submitted as exhibits to the file on the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.



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In the event that any information contained in this memo is to be reported or disseminated, care should be taken to paraphrase it so as not to disclose the identity of the source.

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TO: SAC
FROM: SA EDWARD HOWARD GALL
SUBJECT: NATIONAL GUARDIAN
IS - C

5/2/56

GROUP: DINNER SPONSORED BY NATIONAL GUARDIAN
READERS CLUB OF BRIDGEPORT, CONN.,
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR COMMITTEE DEFENDING
MORTON SOBELL

PLACE: 53 Prospect St., Bridgeport, Conn.

Date: April 7, 1956

INFO

FROM: [REDACTED]

INFO

TO: SA EDWARD HOWARD GALL

FURNISHED ON: 5/1/56

LOCATION: [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that JOSEPH BARNES introduced the main speaker
SARAH LICHTENBERG HARTFORD saying that she was a member of
the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL and that
she has been making speeches and helping to raise funds for
SOBELL's defense ever since his conviction. b7D

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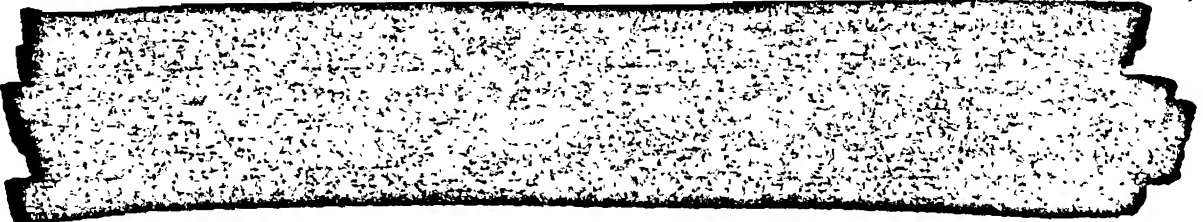
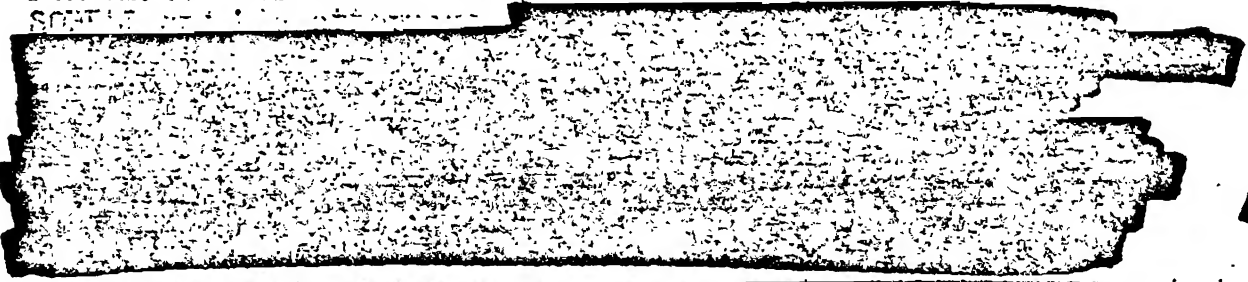
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She commenced her talk by saying that SOBELL was tried and convicted then sent to Alcatraz instead of one of the other Federal prisons. She said that Alcatraz is where they send prisoners with lengthy criminal records or ones who cause trouble in other Federal prisons. Continuing, she told the group that SOBELL and his family were living in Mexico when JULIUS ROSENBERG was arrested for espionage. She said that one night while SOBELL was sleeping in his home a sheriff and several deputies dragged him out of his home and beat him, telling him that he had robbed a bank. They carried him to the border where he was turned over to the FBI. One of the immigration officers at the border wrote "deported" on his immigration papers. At the trial when the immigration officer was asked how he knew that SOBELL was being deported, he answered "Just from observation." When the trial was complete Judge KAUFFMAN when charging the jury told them that if you do not believe the testimony of MAX ELITCHER, you must acquit SOBELL. SOBELL was found guilty and sentenced to thirty years in prison.

Continuing, Mrs. HARMOND told the group that by the last of this month, SOBELL's lawyers are planning on trying to free him. She said that the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORRIS SOBELL were doing all in their power to assist SOBELL.



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AIR-TEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN
THE ROSENBERG CASE
IS - C

C I N A L

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SAs WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN and JEREMIAH W. DOYLE on 4/26/56 and SA DOYLE on 5/2/56 as follows:

A meeting to revive the PH Chapter of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case was held [redacted]

[redacted] featured speakers

- 3 - BUREAU (100-387835) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- (3) - NEW YORK (REGISTERED MAIL)
- (1) - NY 100-107111 (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE)

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PP [redacted]

AIR-TEL

TO: BU 100-367835

RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - C

5/3/56

C I N A L

were Dr. HERBERT APFELDER and DAVID ALMAN. Both speakers recommended JOHN WEXLEY's book on the ROSENBERGS and ALMAN stated that 10,000 copies of this book had been sold. According to APFELDER and ALMAN, WEXLEY's book proved conclusively that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were innocent of the charge of conspiracy to commit espionage for which they were convicted and executed. ALMAN discussed the present operation of the captioned committee. According to ALMAN, there are local committees in approximately 20 cities throughout the United States which cities he did not identify by name. ALMAN said that the SOBELL Committee at the present time needs \$140,000.00 for its operation and that the Committee has two full-time workers on the East Coast, one of whom is ALMAN; two full-time workers on the West Coast, and one full-time worker in Chicago. ALMAN did not identify any of his fellow workers. ALMAN stated that he works primarily in New York, except for making speeches to groups similar to the one which met on 4/20/56. ALMAN then pointed out the need for a revival of the local Committee in PH. He told how JEAN FRANTJIS had done so much work by herself and urged those present to assist FRANTJIS in reviving the Committee.

FRANTJIS then spoke, asking for volunteers to assist her. FRANTJIS was very emotional during her speech and was almost in tears when only one individual volunteered to assist her. APFELDER then remarked that perhaps it was too much to expect a large number of volunteers after only one meeting and requested the individuals in attendance at the meeting to think the matter over and that if anyone was willing to help FRANTJIS to contact her in the future.

AIR-TEL

TO: BU 100-387835
RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS - C

5/3/56

C I N A L

This meeting was attended by approximately 70 individuals and financial contributions were solicited from the audience.

JEAN FRANTOIS and SUSAN FREEMAN are SI subjects of the FD Office.

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COMPLAINT FORM

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NOTE: HANDPRINT NAMES LEGIBLY; HANDWRITING SATISFACTORY FOR REMAINDER

SUBJECT'S NAME AND ALIASES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE MORTON SOBELL CASE. <i>Set 7-2</i>		ADDRESS OF SUBJECT		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C 100 - 107111	
COMPLAINANT MR PHILIP SMITH NATIONAL PRESIDENT, AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION		ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF COMPLAINANT FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL, 302, Broadway, N.Y.C.		DATE AND TIME COMPLAINT RECEIVED 12:30 pm, 5/3/56. By Telephone RA 7- 1500 ext. 7	
SUBJECT'S DESCRIPTION	RACE	SEX <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	AGE	HEIGHT	OTHER DATA
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	BUILD	COMPLEXION	SCARS AND MARKS		

FACTS OF COMPLAINT Smith called to ask if the MORTON SOBELL COMMITTEE, was a proper organization to allow it's advertising in the Fordham Law School Student magazine, "LEIGHAM". Smith said that the MORTON SOBELL COM. HAD just finished calling him in reference to placing an advertisement in the "LEIGHAM" re a coming meeting at Carnegie Hall by the Committee. The agent advised SMITH, that any inquiries for information about the MORTON SOBELL COMMITTEE, should be directed to the ATTORNEY GENERAL of the U.S., Washington, D.C. SMITH was thanked for his concern in this matter.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

Information furnished above, should be placed in the file for the captioned COMMITTEE. File in N.Y. 100 - 107111.

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William D. Lawrence
SPECIAL AGENT
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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka:
Unsub: Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case;
National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee
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Re O-1 dated 4/27/56, captioned, "UNSUB: COMMITTEE
TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE;
IS-C" and re O-1 dated 4/26/56, captioned, "NATIONAL
ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE."

This is to advise that on 5/13/55 all pertinent
information concerning the above organizations were
consolidated into one file captioned, "The National
Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case." It
is to be pointed out that this committee, which operates
from an office at 940 Broadway, NYC, has reorganized
frequently and on each reorganization changes its name
slightly, but still retaining the same officers and
staff.

O-1 Form dated 4/26/56, captioned, "NATIONAL
ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE" was returned to the Bureau
advising that a report, under the title, "NATIONAL COMMITTEE
TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE", was being prepared
in order to reach the Bureau on 6/1/56.

O-1 Form dated 4/27/56, captioned, "UNSUB: COMMITTEE
TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE" is
attached hereto and is being returned.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: May 4, 1956

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, was.
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There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of a letter concerning the captioned organization received from the [REDACTED] at Boston indicating possible reactivation of this committee. b7d

It is suggested that the New York Office may desire to coordinate this activity through the national headquarters of [REDACTED] which it is assumed is located at New York. b7d

The letter received by the Boston Office has been acknowledged and the Boston Office will be alert to the reactivation of this Committee in the Boston area.

Enclosure

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TO : SAC (100-120724-655)(7-2)

DATE: 7-1-56

FROM : SA Damon W. Pitcher

SUBJECT:

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS CULTURE CLUB
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On this date, I received through the mail from [REDACTED] (use T) a newsletter of subject organization [REDACTED] announcing the appearance there of YURI SUZL representing the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobel and speaking on the latest developments in that case. b7D

For info and record. Described item filed as attachment to this memo.

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CC 1-100-20724-655 (7-2)(att.)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (S. J. [REDACTED] Comm.)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE MAY 4 1956	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/13, 16, 17, 18, 19/56
TITLE OF CASE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE; LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, Los Angeles Sobell Committee		REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM J. PANTAJA	TYPED BY VM; rbc;
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS:

Informant advised in April, 1955 that the Los Angeles Sobell Committee (LASC), from its inception, dominated and controlled by the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP). Informant advised in February, 1956 that Sobell committees were being formed all over the nation to obtain new trial for MORTON SOBELL. As of April, 1956, WIDGE NEWMAN was paid head of the LASC. Numerous meetings held in 1955 and 1956 of the LASC, as well as meetings of youth committee of LASC 1955, to further aims and objectives of the LASC. Aims and objectives of LASC continue to be a new trial and ultimate release of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz Prison. [REDACTED] b1

In February, 1956, it was reported that Sobell committees were being formed all over the nation to raise \$55,500.00 to obtain new trial for MORTON SOBELL. Support of LASC indicated at various Communist Party (CP) meetings. Implementation of CP line indicated in April, 1956 copy of "The LA Sobell Announcer". In October, 1955 a "Daily People's World" subscription maintained in name of LASC.

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DETAILS:

For purposes of brevity, the Los Angeles Sobell Committee will be hereinafter referred to as LASC. The Communist Party and the Los Angeles County Communist Party will be hereinafter referred to as the CP and LACCP, respectively.

All informants designated by T symbols in this report have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated.

I HEADQUARTERS OF LASC

As the result of a [REDACTED] by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on April 10, 1956, it was ascertained that the headquarters of the LASC, as of that date, was located at 468 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California. b7E

II ORIGIN

[REDACTED] b7D
Informant advised on April 19, 1955 that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and was sometimes referred to as the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, adopted its present name Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, also known as the LASC, about August, 1954. The avowed purpose of this Committee is to have MORTON SOBELL transferred from Alcatraz Prison, to secure him a new trial, and to eventually secure his complete release.

Both the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were, from their inception, dominated and controlled by the LACCP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D
In March, 1955, critical discussion by CP members was that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell should be reactivated and revitalized in a more aggressive way than it was in the past, and that its activities should be expanded in terms of securing maximum mobilization of forces to secure SOBELL's transfer from Alcatraz Prison and a new trial for him.

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There is an active youth committee organized by forces from the Labor Youth League (LYL) working on the SOBELL issue which is known as the Youth Committee for Morton Sobell or slight variations thereof and which is sponsored by the parent committee.

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

III SCOPE

[REDACTED] Informant advised on February 23, 1956 that at a meeting [REDACTED] it was announced that Sobell committees were being formed all over the nation to obtain a new trial for MORTON SOBELL. b7D

[REDACTED] Informant advised on October 13, 1955 that the Downtown Club is a former Independent Progressive Party (IPP) club which became an autonomous organization during the spring of 1955 after the IPP had lost its place on the ballot. Its principal activity is to sponsor a weekly forum, which frequently features CP members, and it follows the program set up by the IPP. b7D

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report dated 1948, pages 40 and 41, cites the IPP as "Among typical mass organizations that are victims of Communist domination".

IV OFFICERS

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As the result of a [REDACTED] by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on April 18, 1956, it was ascertained that WILGE NEWMAN, as of that date, was the head of the LASC. b7E

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The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. b7D

V ACTIVITIES

[REDACTED]

Informant advised on October 11, 1955 that a meeting of the LASC was held [REDACTED] DAVE ULMAN, Chairman of the National Sobell Committee, was present. ULMAN spent part of the evening answering questions concerning the SOBELL case. The main point of discussion was on the fact that the Sobell committees had not been classified as un-American. b7D

The group also discussed a new Senate subcommittee headed by Senator THOMAS B. HENNING, and how the Sobell group could get the committee to investigate the SOBELL case. It was agreed that a letter writing campaign should be started by the youth committee of the LASC in an effort to get the Senate committee to investigate the SOBELL case.

[REDACTED]

Informant advised [REDACTED] that the LASC held a meeting [REDACTED] The meeting consisted of a talk by JOHN WEXLEY on his book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg". The talk by WEXLEY was followed by a collection to raise funds from the sale of WEXLEY'S book and donations to obtain the release of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz Prison. b7D

[REDACTED]

Informant advised on July 11, 1951 that JOHN WEXLEY attended CP meetings and was known as a CP member during informant's tenure in the CP. b7D

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[REDACTED] Informant advised [REDACTED] that a meeting of the [REDACTED] LASC was held [REDACTED] This meeting featured a book review of "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by its author, JOHN WEXLEY. WEXLEY commented on an article written to a Connecticut newspaper by one BRETT HALLIDAY, in which HALLIDAY deplored the present state of justice in the United States of America. According to WEXLEY, HALLIDAY cited WEXLEY'S book in the letter and thought that, upon evidence submitted in this book, either J. EDGAR HOOVER, RAY COHN, et al, should sue the author for libel, or they should be indicted for murder. b7D

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Informant advised on December 8, 1955, that on November 27, 1955 a breakfast sponsored by the LASC was held for Mrs. MORTON SOBELL at 1257 Van Pelt Avenue, Los Angeles. At this breakfast, Mrs. SOBELL spoke of her visits to MORTON SOBELL at Alcatraz once a month and urged everybody to work hard for funds in order to get MORTON out of Alcatraz.

[REDACTED] b7D
On December 29, 1955, informant made available a circular of the LASC addressed to "Dear Friend" and signed by "RIDGE NEWMAN, "for the committee". This circular contains a review of JOHN WEXLEY'S book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by BRETT HALLIDAY, a mystery writer who had originally written the review for the "Fairfield County Fair", a Connecticut newspaper. The review, attributed to BRETT HALLIDAY, was set out as follows:

"This is being written at 2 a.m. . . . just after I have finished reading 'The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg' by JOHN WEXLEY. This (review) is solely and wholly the work of BRETT HALLIDAY.

". . . In order that you may have some basis for assessing and evaluating the opinions I am going to express, I think it will be well to also put the following facts on record:

"I am not a 'bleeding heart' social reformer.

"I am not a Jew.

"I am not a Communist.

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"I am a native American 51 years old, a registered Democrat who occasionally votes Republican. I am married, the father of one seven-year-old daughter, the owner of a dog, a cat, a canary, and two goldfish. I own my home in Westport (subject to a large mortgage held by the Prudential Insurance Co.) and I manage to eke out a fair living under our system of Capitalism.

"I have a sincere and fervent desire to be proud of my country and my fellow-Americans.

"Reading this book of JOHN WEXLEY'S has been a soul-shattering experience for me. It is a huge book; terrifying and sick-making. I finished the last page of Appendix 22, page 664, about an hour ago, and I have been walking the floor in agony since then.

"As I sit here at my typewriter and lift my head to stare at a window beyond which in the darkness lies America, I am frightened and nauseated.

"What sort of America is my daughter going to grow up in? What sort of heritage am I going to leave her? Can I as a father remain silent tonight after reading this book and feeling as I do about it?

"No, I would be a lousy father if I did that. And I want to be a good father.

"To me there is only one basic and inescapable conclusion that can be reached by any intelligent person who reads this book objectively.

"Either: the facts presented are untrue, and/or the author's interpretation is incorrect;

"Or: the facts are true, and the author's interpretation is correct.

"If the first conclusion is the right one, it seems to me that J. EDGAR HOOVER, IRVING KAUFMAN, IRVING SAYPOL, and RAY COHN (to say nothing of a host of underlings) should immediately start suit against the author and his publishers for malicious and vicious libel.

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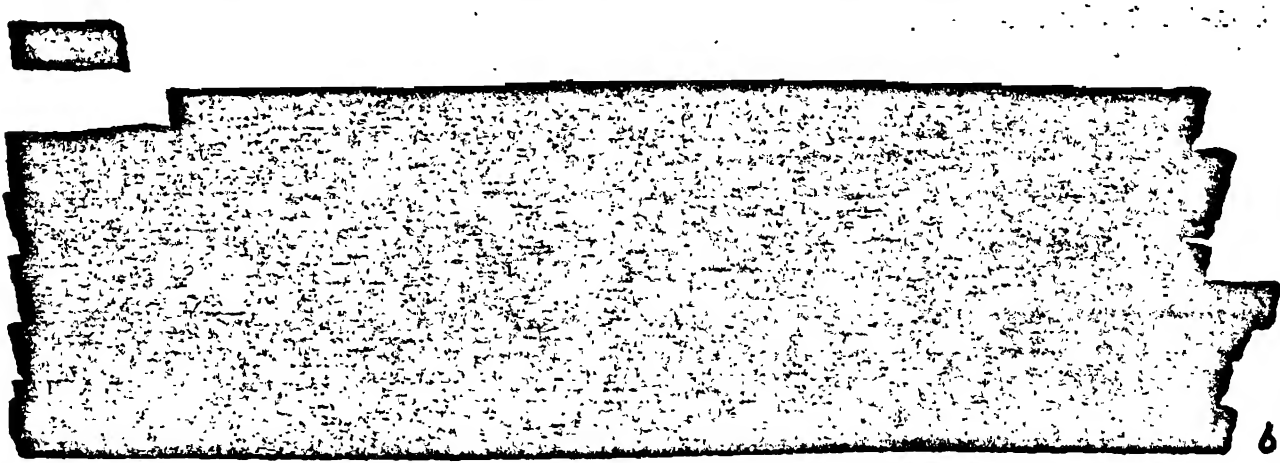
"If the second conclusion is correct, it seems to me that J. EDGAR HOOVER, IRVING KAUFMAN, IRVING SAYPOL, ROY COHN, et al, should be indicted and tried for conspiring to murder the ROSENBERGS.

"I have no way of determining whether the facts and/or the author's interpretation of them are true or false. I only know that this book was published in June, and thus far I have seen no public announcement of any legal action against the author or his publishers; To me this indicates they do not have any grounds for such action.

"... Let's stop and think about this for a moment. What does this mean to you as an American - to my daughter who will grow up in an America that looks the other way in abject fear and completely ignores the most accusative and inflammatory piece of writing since ZOLA took pen in hand to reopen the DREYFUS case? Frankly, I shudder as I contemplate the only logical answer to that question.

"This is an exceptionally well-documented book. Hardly a page does not carry one or more footnotes citing sources. The appendices are full and well chosen, and the book is carefully indexed.

"I feel certain that many of my readers ... knew the publisher, ANGUS CAMERON, in happier days when he was the respected and beloved chief editor of a major publishing house, and I hope a goodly number of them will order a copy of this book and read it, if for no better reason than because a man like Mr. CAMERON had the basic guts and the essential qualities of Americanism to print this book, and put it on the market".



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DAVID GREENGLASS is presently serving a prison sentence for conspiracy to commit espionage in connection with the ROSENBERG case.

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On April 12, 1956, informant made available a copy of Volume 1, No. 5, of "The Los Angeles Sobell Announcer" dated April, 1956 which contained the following quoted article:

"Bertrand Russell Spoke for Freedom, Describes Sobell as Innocent Man."

"London, March 27. Bertrand Russell rapped the FBI for its 'atrocities'. He made his charge in the Manchester Guardian hoping to enlist the people's support for Morton Sobell. He described Sobell as an innocent man condemned as a result of political hysteria.

"Russell said that the 'technique' used by the FBI was to find a man whom it could prove guilty of some offense and then promise him immunity if he would manufacture evidence against people who could not otherwise be indicted.

"After a sufficient number of secret interviews the FBI descends upon innocent people with a posse of terrified perjurers and in the hysteria every word uttered by the perjurers is accepted as the Gospel truth", he declared.

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On January 17, 1956, informant made available a leaflet announcing a social of the [REDACTED] LASC to be held [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

At this social, it was announced that the MORTON SOBELL attorneys have discovered new evidence and eventually will have him freed from Alcatraz but that the evidence must remain secret for the time being. [REDACTED] b7D

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Informant advised on January 19, 1956 that a meeting of the Eastside Committee of the LASC was held on January 12, 1956 at 1257 Van Pelt Avenue, Los Angeles. At this meeting the informant learned that SOBELL is now permitted to receive all of his mail and that SOBELL is being informed of all the meetings and discussions, and how the attempt to obtain him a new trial is progressing.

Informant advised that the Eastside Committee of the LASC is planning a fund raising affair for the purpose of financing a retrial for SOBELL.

Informant advised on January 9, 1956, that a meeting of the Eastside Committee of the LASC was held on January 4, 1956 at 1257 Van Pelt Avenue, Los Angeles, California. According to the informant, this meeting was an informal gathering and its main purpose was to set up a larger Eastside Committee in behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

[REDACTED]

Informant advised [REDACTED] that a meeting of the LASC was held [REDACTED] the purpose of which was to discuss the future course of the committee [REDACTED] b7D

Informant advised on February 26, 1956, that a meeting of the LASC was held [REDACTED] This meeting was held for the purpose of instructing members [REDACTED] on ways of getting people interested in the work of the committee. The [REDACTED] Committee was to try to get lawyers, doctors, b7D

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educators, etc., interested in the work and to try to get someone of responsibility to sponsor a meeting [REDACTED] b7D

The February 12, 1956, issue of the "Morning Freiheit" on page 12, columns 4 and 5, contained the following quoted article:

"The 'East Side Sobell Committee,' which was formed recently, is conducting a campaign for members. The Committee meets twice a month. A number of civic activities in conjunction with the liberation campaign for Sobell have already been carried out. Friends who want to join the Committee, or are interested in the campaign to free the young scientist, Sobell, from Alcatraz, where he is incarcerated for 30 years on the testimony of false proof, are asked to apply to the L.A. Sobell Committee, 488 North Western Avenue, Telephone: Hollywood 4-4725."

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities in its report dated March 29, 1944, page 75, cited the "Morning Freiheit" as "The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century."

YOUTH COMMITTEE OF LASC

[REDACTED] b7D

Informant advised [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] meeting of the Youth Committee of the LASC was held [REDACTED] The primary purpose of the Youth Committee of the LASC was described, for the benefit of new members, to be to work to get MORTON SOBELL released from Alcatraz Prison. The big topic of this meeting was a [REDACTED] b7D

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discussion of the book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY. This book was described as being the most powerful weapon the National Sobell Committee has. Part of the meeting was spent in discussing money-raising campaigns. It was announced that some educational would be held to familiarize youth with the injuries that had been done to WORTON SOBELL.

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Informant advised on October 13, 1955, that a meeting of the Youth Committee of the LASC was held [REDACTED]

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Informant advised on October 14, 1955, that a meeting of the Youth Committee of the LASC was held [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At this meeting IDOL WEXLEY led a discussion of JOHN WEXLEY'S BOOK "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg". Mr. YURI SHUL, guardian of the ROSENBERG children, also gave a short talk.

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Informant advised on October 14, 1955 that a meeting of the Youth Committee of the YSCC was held [REDACTED] At this meeting, the idea was discussed of having college and high school campuses infiltrated with literature concerning the SOBELL case in order to stimulate interest in the SOBELL case. b7D

Informant advised [REDACTED] that a meeting of the Youth Committee of the YSCC was held [REDACTED] This meeting consisted of an educational on the life and trial of MORRIS SOBELL. b7D

VI STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On December 2, 1955, informant made available a copy of Volume 1, No. 1, of "The Los Angeles Sobell Announcer" dated November, 1955, which describes itself as the "first issue of a monthly bulletin announcing activities and noteworthy events". The bulletin is a small four-page folder distributed free of charge. The first issue contains notes on activities planned by the LASC. A feature article therein describes the functions of the United States Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, popularly known as the Hennings Committee. According to the bulletin, the Hennings Committee has publicly announced a desire to receive suggestions concerning its future work, and the bulletin lists the following issues to show that the SOBELL case comes within the scope of the Hennings Committee:

- "1. Trial by newspaper headlines
- "2. Knowing use of perjured testimony by the prosecution
- "3. Use of paid professional informants

- "4. Illegal kidnapping of MORTON SOBELL from Mexico
- "5. The cruel and unusual punishment of a 30 year sentence . . .
- "6. Confinement in Alcatraz as a third degree pressure"

The bulletin concludes with a plea for communications to Senator THOMAS C. HENNING, Jr., urging an investigation of the SOBELL case.

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On April 12, 1956, informant made available a copy of Volume 1, No. 5, of "The Los Angeles Sobell Announcer" dated April, 1956 which contained the following quoted article:

"Moving Into Final Phase of Campaign Motion For New
Trial Hits Court This Month

"Our attorneys have informed us that they are now prepared to proceed in the courts in April, to demand a new trial for Morton Sobell.

"We are now moving into the final phase of the campaign. How long that 'final phase' will take will depend on many factors. It is designed, however, to win executive action or to win in the courts.

"Funds are urgently needed so that we can initiate a
tremendous campaign at the crucial moment. No effort or expense
must be spared in putting this new evidence before the nation. The
big step toward freedom for Sobell is about to be taken. Its
success depends on all of us".

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VII. FINANCES

[REDACTED]
Informant advised [REDACTED] that at a meeting of [REDACTED] it was reported that as of that date the LASC was \$5,000.00 in debt. At this meeting it was also announced that half the purchase price of \$5.00 of JOHN WEXLEY's book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" would go to the LASC. b7D

[REDACTED]
Informant advised [REDACTED] that at a meeting [REDACTED] it was announced that Sobell committees were being formed all over the nation to raise \$55,500.00 for obtaining a new trial for MORTON SOBELL. b7D

VIII. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

A. Connections with the CP

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[REDACTED]
Informant advised [REDACTED] that a meeting of the [REDACTED] LACCP was held on [REDACTED]

At this meeting it was announced that a meeting to honor JOHN WEXLEY and his book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" was to be held on November 5, 1955, at 12041 Huston Street, North Hollywood, at 8:30 p.m. b7D

[REDACTED]
Informant advised [REDACTED] that on [REDACTED] a meeting of the [REDACTED] LACCP, was held [REDACTED]. At this meeting it was announced that on November 12, 1955, the LASC would hold a reception for JOHN WEXLEY. b7D

Informant advised [REDACTED] that on [REDACTED] a meeting [REDACTED] LACCP, was held [REDACTED] where it was announced that the LASC was beginning to function in that community. At this meeting it was urged that each member write letters to the "Hennings Committee," a Senate subcommittee on Constitutional rights, on the Sobell case, urging the members of this committee to push for a new hearing for MORTON SOBELL. b7D

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Informant advised [REDACTED] that on [REDACTED] a CP meeting [REDACTED] At this meeting it was announced that 500 leaflets were to be distributed to various lawyers, ministers, doctors and rabbis. These leaflets were to deal with new evidence on the MORTON SOBELL case and the fact that they were being distributed by the CP was to be kept quiet. b7D

B. Implementation of CP Line

CP Line

"Daily Worker," 2/14/55,
Page 5, article "The
Rosenberg Case Continues
in the Form of Seeking
Justice for Morton Sobell"

The "Daily Worker" is an
east coast Communist newspaper.

"Over a year and a half
ago, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg
were laid to rest--but the
conscience of America was not
buried with them. Americans with
all sorts of political opinions
have continued to speak up
against this execution which
horrified the world and served
to dishonor our country's
name....

LASC Line

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A feature article therein
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According to the bulletin, the
Hennings Committee has publicly
announced a desire to receive
suggestions concerning its
future work. The bulletin
lists the following issues to
show that the SOBELL case

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"It has taken the form of seeking justice for Morton Sobell, who was sentenced to entombment for thirty years at Alcatraz as part of the same frame-up which killed the Rosenbergs, was convicted with the same sort of trumped-up testimony that is now being blown to bits with the confession of former F.B.I. informer Harvey Matusow that he had borne false witness against guiltless victims."

LASC Line


comes within the scope of the Hennings Committee:

- "1. Trial by newspaper headlines.....
- "2. Knowing use of perjured testimony by the prosecution.....
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- "6. Confinement in Alcatraz as a third degree pressure.."

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

"Daily People's World" (DPW)

The DPW is a west coast Communist newspaper.

 Informant advised on October 20, 1955, that as of that date, a six-month subscription of the DPW was maintained in the name of L.A. Sobell Committee, 468 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles 4, California. Informant advised that he did not know if this organization paid for the subscription or was receiving it as a gift.

ENCLOSURES - TO THE BUREAU:

Two (2) Photostats of circular of LASC addressed to "Dear Friend."

Two (2) copies of Volume 1, No. 5, "The Los Angeles Sobell Announcer."

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Two (2) copies of Volume 1, No. 1, "The Los Angeles
Sobell Announcer."

TO NEW YORK:

One (1) Photostat of circular of LASC addressed to
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Sobell Announcer."

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Sobell Announcer."

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ADMINISTRATIVE

[REDACTED] referred to in instant report under captions "headquarters" and "Officers" was [REDACTED] by SA WILLIAM J. PANTTAJA to the Headquarters of [REDACTED] 400 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles [REDACTED]

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Translation of the 2/12/56 issue of the "Morning Freiheit" as set out in instant report under caption "Implementation of CP Line" was made by HYMAN N. ROBINOWITZ, Interpreter-Translator in the New York Office and forwarded to the Los Angeles Office by letter dated 3/8/56.

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LOS ANGELES:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the LASC.

INFORMANTS

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Identity	Date of Activ. &/or Descrip.	Date Rec'd	Agent	Location
T-1 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	H. RAWLINS OVERTON	Orally b7D
T-2 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	ALBERT N. CARLBLOM	[REDACTED] b7D

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T-3 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		WILLIAM J. NOLAN	[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		SE EVERETT DU CHARME	[REDACTED] b7D

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BRIGHT, JR.

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T-10 LA-3683-S	Meeting, LASC. 12/8/55 11/27/55		RICHARD J. STILLING	134-307A-271
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T-11 [REDACTED] b70	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	ELLIOTT W. AMON	[REDACTED]
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T-12 [REDACTED] b70	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SIDNEY M. WOLF	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	[REDACTED]
T-13 [REDACTED] b70	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	RILEY L. MILLARD	[REDACTED]
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T-14 [REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]		THOMAS H. MOORE	[REDACTED]
T-15 [REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
T-16 [REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]		WILLIAM R. WHITE	100-41648-1A287
T-17 [REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]		GEORGE D. WATT	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]		JOHN C. O'NEILL	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]		"	[REDACTED]
T-18 [REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]		CLIFFORD E. PUCKETT	[REDACTED]
T-19 [REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]		"	[REDACTED]
T-20 [REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]		THOMAS H. MOORE	[REDACTED]
T-21 [REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]		MELVIN R. WRIGHT	[REDACTED]
T-22 [REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]		ILBERT H. KEHE (SF)	[REDACTED]

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REFERENCE

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL; IS - C

DAYLET. The 5/3/56 edition of "The Daily Worker" Page 3, Column 1 carries an article captioned "Judge O'BRIEN To Address Rally For Morton Sobell." Instant article reads as follows:

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See serial
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"Judge PATRICK H. O'BRIEN, probate judge of Wayne County, Mich., and former Attorney General of Michigan, has accepted an invitation to address a meeting for Morton Sobell to be held at Carnegie Hall May 15 at 8 p.m.

"The meeting will urge a new trial for Sobell, who is imprisoned in Alcatraz on a 30-year sentence imposed in the Rosenberg trial for alleged "conspiracy to commit espionage."

"Stephen Love, Law professor and Chicago attorney, will also speak.

"The meeting will be addressed by John Wexley, author of the 'Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg', book on the Rosenberg-Sobell case which is receiving increasing attention. Eminent persons here and abroad, and influential publications have commented on the basis of Wexley's book that Morton Sobell did not receive justice.

"Bertrand Russell, philosopher and mathematician, is sending a special message to the Carnegie Hall meeting.

"The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, under whose auspices the event is being held, said that new evidence and new documents in the case would be made public.

"Tickets may be obtained from the Sobell Committee at 940 Broadway."

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

May 7, 1956

Director, FBI

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 30, 1956, wherein you requested the basis for an informant's statement that activities of captioned organization were directed by the Communist Party as well as the availability of this informant to testify in an administrative proceeding.

This is to advise that your requests have been forwarded to the New York Office and its reply will be promptly furnished you.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

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May 8, 1956

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

This will confirm receipt of information concerning the
following telephone numbers:

The Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobel
940 Broadway, New York
City

ALG 4-9983

This information was needed in connection with an
official investigation being conducted by this office.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,


JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

CEH:RCJ
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, New York (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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By memorandum dated May 7, 1956, the Department requested to be advised concerning the present availability of the following informants to testify in SACB or Departmental proceedings:

Report of SA Edwin B. Kuykendall dated November 14, 1955, at Dallas: [REDACTED] b70

Report of SA Norman P. LeClair dated November 22, 1955, at San Francisco: [REDACTED] b70

Report of SA Robert E. Mason dated January 9, 1956, at Seattle: [REDACTED] b70

The Department also requested that a reappraisal be made concerning the availability of the following informants:

Prosecutive summary report of SA John A. Harrington dated April 28, 1953, at New York: [REDACTED] b70

Supplemental prosecutive summary report of SA Lincoln J. Stokes dated July 14, 1955, at Newark: [REDACTED] b70

Offices receiving copies of instant communication are instructed to furnish in memorandum form suitable for dissemination to the Department background data regarding each of the aforementioned individuals who is willing to testify, which data should

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contain personal history such as date and place of birth, et cetera, dates of informant activity, whether the individual was ever a Communist Party member and if so dates of such membership, dates individual was connected with communist movement, residence, telephone number, and in the case of discontinued informants the individual's name. Each memorandum should contain all known derogatory information relating to the individual, which would be of value to the Department in determining the individual's credibility.

In view of the Department's interest in this matter it should be handled expeditiously and the desired data should reach the Bureau no later than June 1, 1956. Auxiliary offices should designate one copy of the reply to New York as office of origin for its information.

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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From: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

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WFO knows SYLVIA BERNSTEIN and ETHEL WEICHERD as
leaders of the D. C. group of captioned organization. (u)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has supplied reliable information in the past, on 2/26/53
identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a current member of the CP.
[REDACTED] identified ETHEL WEICHERD as a
current CP member. (u) b7D

It is noted that DAVID ALMAN testified before the
Public Session of HCUA on 8/4/55 in regard to the subject
organization and identified himself as "former Executive
Secretary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the
Rosenberg Case." ALMAN, at this hearing, refused to discuss his
connections with the CP. (u)

Mr. WEDLEY, referred to above, apparently refers
to JOHN WEXLEY, who is described in "Daily Worker" article
of June 13, 1955, page 6, captioned "How Author JOHN WEXLEY

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Uncovered Perjury in Rosenberg-Sobell Case," as "the playwright who has written the penetrating, 672-page study of the Rosenberg-Sobell Case, 'The Judgment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG'." (u)

BYRON SCOTT is apparently identical to BYRON M. SCOTT, subject of a Bureau communication dated 4/2/56 to WFO [REDACTED]. The Bureau points out that this individual was a former member of House of Representatives from 1935 to 1939 from State of California and is now an attorney residing in Washington, D. C., with offices in the Wyatt building; he was counsel for WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR in his hearing before the Loyalty Review Board in 1955. Pe (u) b7c

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SAC, NEW HAVEN

May 11, 1956

SA HENRY J. SOMERS

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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On May 2, 1956, the following described items were received through the mail at the Bridgeport Resident Agency of the New Haven Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and were opened on that date by SA HENRY J. SOMERS.

- 1.) An envelope post-marked May 1, 1956, at Bridgeport, Connecticut. [REDACTED]

- 2.) Contained in this envelope was a letter [REDACTED] appearing in the upper left hand corner of this envelope is the notation, "This is envelope material sent in. Note post-mark", and an arrow directing attention towards the post-mark. It should be noted that the envelope was torn where the Post Office stamped the envelope and other than reflecting it was evidently mailed at Bridgeport, Connecticut sometime in April, the rest of the postal stamp could not be identified. b7D

[REDACTED] b7D
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Contained in the envelope [REDACTED] is an article written by HENRY FAIRBANK and HELEN MC CLOY, and is a reprint of a book review which appeared in Fairfield County, Connecticut, the review appearing in "Fairfield County Fair", dated September 15, 1955, Volume 2, No. 37. "Fairfield County Fair" is printed by Fairfield County Publications, Inc., located at 1150 Post Road, Fairfield, Connecticut. b7D

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The article is a review of the book entitled, "The Judgment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG" by JOHN WEXLEY. This article was reprinted as a public service by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York.

The second leaflet is entitled, "Manchester Guardian", and is a reprint of a letter to the Editor of the "Manchester Guardian" concerning the SOBELL case, dated Monday, March 26, 1956.

In addition, this leaflet also reprints an article appearing in the New York Times, dated Tuesday, March 27, 1956, entitled, "Bertrand Russell Accuses the F.B.I. of Atrocities, Doubts ROSENBERGS' Guilt". Also appearing on this pamphlet is headline excerpts taken from the "Toronto Telegram" and "The Globe and Mail", Toronto, which articles appeared in the New York Times under London dateline March 26, 1956.

The above pamphlets were [REDACTED] initialed by the Agent receiving them, and have been placed in the exhibit 670 section of this file.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

FROM : SA CARL R. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT : S.L.C.S.J.M.S.R.C., aka;
IS - C

DATE: 14 1956

Reproduction four page typewritten report
received by mail by writer January 24, 1956, from
who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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"Typed 1-22-56

"Supper to raise funds for the
Schell Committee-

"TIME: 6 P.M. on

"DATE: January 21st, 1956

"PLACE: 3715 LaSalle St. Louis, Mo.

"Present were

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"The first part of the evening was spent in visiting, eating and talking. Bruce Miller got a bit inebriated and talked in a loud voice. He damned everything and everybody accusing the Government of being Fascist and even lit out on the various Committees that are working towards a better world. He said that we are just kidding ourselves in thinking that we are making any headway. Everytime we advance an inch we shout how well we are doing. Laura tried to quiet him but he kept shouting about his "plans" but he said I don't dare declare them where I work. He used very choice language and was disgusting. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Lisa Hauber turned the conversation to Unions. We first discussed Morris's lecture of last Sunday night. Bruce did not think much of the praise given to Ruthar. Lisa stated that it is not Ruthar but the good resolutions that came out of the CIO AFL merger. She said that we must keep plodding along with the best of anything thing that comes our way. Lisa Hauber then brought out the recent criticism of the Soviet Union for talking supplies from the Russian people and giving it to other countries. She said that the United States had been doing that for years. This brought another tirade from Bruce Miller. He got on the subject of satellites. He claimed that England and other countries are American satellites because they do as the U. S. Fascist Govt. have dictates. That was the last heard from Bruce. He went to sleep and the group relaxed and let him snore.

"Clara Mae Perkins called the group to order and read a few points in a letter from the National office. She said that money is needed for advertising, travel, salaries—the total amount is \$55,000. She stated that the National office wants to know the feeling of the Committee about future activity of the Sobell Committee. Shall we continue along the lines of a new trial, 2. Senate investigation of perjury by stool pidgeons, 3. a direct appeal to President Eisenhower for a pardon for Morton Sobell. Since William Taylor has been cleared Elizabeth Bentley has been discredited and this should be enough evidence to obtain a presidential pardon for Sobell. The Senatorial investigation should be directed at Elizabeth Bentley. Mary Ferguson thought that we should continue along the lines of a new trial. The reason being that a Presidential pardon would not prove anything nor would it clear the Rosenbergs. She thought that Elizabeth Bentley should be put on the witness stand again. [REDACTED] However, Haven thought that we should push all three plans. His reason was that some people

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would be interested in one thing and some another. He also stated that from talking to lawyers he is of the opinion that a new trial is almost impossible unless there is iron clad proof of new information.

"It was decided to use all three plans in our propaganda for Morton Sobell. We were then asked to write letters to Senator Thos. Hennings asking his Committee to investigate the steel piggyback and their perjured testimony, namely that of Elizabeth Bentley. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] Clara has then stated that the National Office had written that within the last few weeks 90,000,000 people had been contacted by the Committee (?).

"Olive Heffner was then asked to give a report of the activities of the Sobell Committee--an overhead national picture. She had read all of the many mimeographed sheets from the National office and summarized the important facts. It was the same old line of all that has been done. She dwelt at length on the recent tour of Helen Sobell to Canada. She touched on the activities of the California Committee. She told of different ministers who have asked Helen Sobell to speak in their churches. The Pope was also dragged in for his part in the Rosenberg affair.

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"The National office praised the St. Louis Committee for its activities. Olive then mentioned the different things the St. Louis group has accomplished--mailings, visiting important people and distribution of leaflets.

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[REDACTED] I think the group was disappointed but said that the weather kept away some who would have come.

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"The crowd began to break up a little before ten."

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Following personally received by writer February 2, 1956, [REDACTED]

Pamphlet "DEMOCRACY VS. FORCE AND VIOLENCE" issued by U.E.R.M.W.A., NYC [REDACTED] b7D

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: May 14, 1956

JEA FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

The magazine "The American Socialist," May, 1956, issue, on page two, makes mention of the publication of a pamphlet by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. It is requested that you obtain five copies of this pamphlet, "Prisoner of Our Conscience," by Emily and David Alman and forward same to the Bureau.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-37067)

FROM: SA MARION B. HUMMEL

DATE: 5/14/56

SUBJECT: PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On 4/30/56, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished an oral report to SA MARION B. HUMMEL. Agent's notes were reviewed and initialled by the informant and are maintained

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as an exhibit in [REDACTED] This report is summarized as follows:

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On Friday, 4/20/56, a meeting was held at the home of SUSAN and MORRIS DE CAMP FREEMAN, 144 West Penn Street, Philadelphia, Pa., sponsored by the Philadelphia Sobell Committee. Approximately 40 persons were present at this affair, of whom the informant identified the following:

[REDACTED]

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SOL ROTENBERG acted as Chairman of the meeting and HERBERT APTHEKER from New York was the principal speaker and spoke mostly concerning the book by JOHN WEXLEY concerning the MORTON SOBELL case. APTHEKER said that this book had put more light on the SOBELL case than any other thing and that it was felt that, if this information had been produced earlier, it could have saved the lives of the ROSENBERGS. He said that a number of law professors and other prominent individuals, who had read this book, now expressed doubt as to the guilt of the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL.

APTHEKER introduced a booklet entitled "Prisoner On Our Conscience" by EMILY and DAVID ALMAN. Most of APTHEKER's talk came directly from this booklet, which he urged those present to purchase. APTHEKER said that at the present time it is felt that there is a good possibility to get MORTON SOBELL out of Alcatraz, and that the Committee for SOBELL is beginning to function again.

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FNU ALMAN (DAVID), from the National SOBELL Committee, was present and also made a short talk. ALMAN said that he had travelled all over the United States on the SOBELL case and that as a result of talking to various people he felt that the chances to free SOBELL are better than ever before. He urged those present to join the SOBELL Committee and to work with the committee.

SOL ROTENBERG made a collection speech and urged everybody to work with the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee. He said that JEAN FRANTJIS had to do most of the work alone and that it was too much for one person.

[REDACTED] furnished a mimeographed invitation to this meeting, which is being maintained as an exhibit in 100-37667- 070 1B-29-15.

[REDACTED] also furnished a copy of the booklet entitled "Prisoner On Our Conscience" by EMILY and DAVID ALMAN. This booklet is being maintained as an exhibit in 100-37667-1B-29-16; was issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York City, and purports to be documented evidence concerning the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case which was never introduced at the trial of that case. 070

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-32830)

**SUBJECT: WASHINGTON AREA CITIZENS FORUM
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Re my airtel 5/11/56 entitled NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka, IS - C, ISA of 1950, Bufile 100-387835, setting forth information concerning a meeting at the Willard Hotel, Wash., D. C., on 5/25/56.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA RICHARD B. LAVIN in writing on 5/14/56 that this meeting featuring (JOHN) WEXLEY, will be sponsored by the Washington Area Forum. Informant's report filed.

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Informant orally advised on 5/14/56 that the name Washington Area Citizens Forum has been shortened to Washington Area Forum. Informant stated this will be more definite after 5/25/56 meeting.

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(1 - 100-107111) (NATIONAL COMM. TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE)

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[REDACTED] identified the present leaders of the Progressive Party of D. C. as either Communists or Communist Party sympathisers and stated that this organization has never opposed any CP issue or program. Informants stated that on occasion, resolutions have been adopted by the PPDC, which have been introduced by various individuals at the direction of the CP.

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LAUGHLIN

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107119) (7-2)

SA RICHARD H. BLASSER (7-4)

5/14/56

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES
COMMITTEE (ECLC)
IS-C

Source:

Reliability:

This informant has furnished reliable information in the past and his identity must be concealed by the use of a T symbol.

Description of Activity:

Literature distributed at ECLC Rally on 3/28/56.

Received:

4/2/56

Location:

100-107119

Exhibit Nos.:

[REDACTED] on 4/2/56, furnished to SA RICHARD H. BLASSER the following literature which he secured at an ECLC Rally which was held at Carnegie Hall, NYC, on 3/28/56:

1. Leaflet captioned "The Smith Act, Its Origin, Use, Poison," issued by the ECLC. Exhibit No. 1644 (5)
2. Leaflet captioned, "Innocent" issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. Exhibit No. 3. 1644 (6)

1-NY 100-107111 (MORTON SOBELL COMMITTEE) (6)

1-NY 100-8675 (EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES LEAGUE) (7-3)

1-NY 100-81675 (PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (12-14)

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3. Leaflet captioned "Smith Act Goes South" by the Scales Defense Committee. Exhibit No. 11644 (7)

4. The "Catholic Worker" dated February, 1956. Exhibit No. 11644 (8)

5. Newspaper captioned "Labor Action," dated 3/26/56. Exhibit No. 11644 (9)

6. Leaflet issued by the James E. Jackson Defense Committee. Exhibit No. 11644 (10)

7. Throwaway captioned "Repeal the Smith Act," issued by the Young Socialist League. 11644 (11)

[REDACTED] advised that the above literature was distributed in the street outside of Carnegie Hall, NYC, and in the lobby of Carnegie Hall, NYC. b7D

If any of the foregoing information is used in a report or disseminated outside of the Bureau, it must be paraphrased to protect the identity of this informant.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 2054 DATE 5-15-56

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5/15/56

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387035)

FROM SAC, WFO (100-25074)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
 IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
 IS-C; ISA OF 1950
 OO: New York

Re my ainal 5/14/56, entitled Washington Area Citizens Forum, IS-C, setting forth info concerning a meeting to be held on 5/25/56, at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past, orally advised SA RICHARD B. LAVIN on 5/15/56, that the above meeting is actually going to be sponsored by the "Sobell Committee of D.C.," and not the Washington Area Citizens Forum as set forth in original.

- 4- Bureau (1- 100-) (Washington Area Citizens Forum)
- 3- New York (Info) (1- 100-107111) (National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case)

- 2- Chicago (Info) (1- 100-25530) (National Comm to Secure Justice In the ROSENBERG Case)

- 2- ROSENBERG (Info) (1- 100-35800) (National Comm to Secure Justice In the ROSENBERG Case)

- 1- Baltimore (Info) (1- 100-) (National Comm to Secure Justice In the ROSENBERG Case)

- 2- WFO (1- 100-25074) (National Comm to Secure Justice In the ROSENBERG Case)

(1- 100-387035) (Washington Area Citizens Forum)

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367835)

5/15/56

FROM SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
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[REDACTED] b7D

It is to be noted that DAVID ALMAN testified before the Public Session of HCUA on 8/4/55, in regard to the subject organization and identified himself as "former Executive Secretary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case." ALMAN at this hearing, refused to discuss his connections with the CP.

[REDACTED] b7D

It is to be noted that JOHN WEXLEY was described in a Daily Worker article of June 13, 1955, page 6, captioned "How Author JOHN WEXLEY Uncovered Perjury in the ROSENBERG-SOBELE Case" as "the playwright who has written the penetrating 672 page study of the ROSENBERG-SOBELE Case, 'The Judgment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG'."

Above info will be reduced to writing, signed by informant, and filed in [REDACTED] b7D

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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FROM: SAC, WFO

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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WFO knows SYLVIA BERNSTEIN and ETHER WEICHBROD as
leaders of the D. C. group of captioned organization. (u)

[REDACTED]

who has supplied reliable information in the past, on
2/26/53 identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a current member of
the CP. [REDACTED] identified ETHER WEICHBROD
as a current CP member. (u) b7D

It is noted that DAVID ALMAN testified before the
public session of HCUA on 8/4/55 in regard to the subject

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organization and identified himself as "former executive secretary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case." ALMAN at this hearing refused to discuss his connections with the CP. (u)

It is noted that DONALD ROTHENBERG testified before the public session of the HCUA on 8/2/55 in regard to subject organization. ROTHENBERG refused to answer questions regarding his position with subject organization and his connections with the CP. (u)

JOHN WEXLEY is described in the "Daily Worker" article titled "How Author JOHN WEXLEY Uncovered Perjury in ROSENBERG - SOBEL Case", 6/13/55, page six, as "the playwright who has written the penetrating 672 page study of the ROSENBERG - SOBEL case, 'the judgment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG'". (u)

BYRON SCOTT is apparently identical to BYRON N. SCOTT, subject of Bureau communication dated 4/2/56 to WFO [REDACTED]. The Bureau points out that this individual was a former member of the House of Representatives from 1935 to 1939 from the State of California and is now an attorney residing in Washington, D. C., with offices in the Wyatt Building; he was counsel for WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR in his hearing before the Loyalty Review Board in 1955. (u) b7c

NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN was identified by highly confidential source of the Cleveland Division as a member of the Ruthenberg Branch, Cleveland, Ohio, section of the Young Communist League as of 9/15/42. P. (u)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

May 18, 1956

SAC, San Francisco (100-35117)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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ReBuairtel to New York, cc San Francisco, dated May 10,
1956, requesting among others the identities of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in the report of SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR, dated November
22, 1955 at San Francisco. b7D

[REDACTED] b7D
New York is requested to furnish the Bureau background
information on the above two New York informants, as requested in
referenced Bureau airtel.

[REDACTED]
Informant No.:

Name:

Residence:

Telephone:

Occupation:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)
FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-35117)
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Name:

Residence:

Telephone:

Occupation:

Identification Record:

Witness Experience:

CP Activity:

Availability:

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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May 23, 1956

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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Re memorandum of Department to Bureau dated 5/7/56 and New York airtel to Bureau dated 5/14/56 with copies to Los Angeles, captioned as above.

In accordance with the instructions set forth in referenced New York airtel, enclosed herewith to the Bureau are the original and four copies each of three memoranda regarding availability of informants to testify in SACB or Departmental proceedings. Two copies of each of these memoranda are enclosed herewith to New York.

Listed below is the current status of the informants designated as [REDACTED] in prosecutive summary report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON dated 4/26/53 at New York, as requested in referenced New York airtel:

[REDACTED] A current live informant who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

- 2 Bureau (Encls. - 15) (REGISTERED)
(2) New York (Encls. - 6) (REGISTERED)
1 Los Angeles
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May 23, 1956

Informant's Symbol Number: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON dated April 28, 1953 at New York.

This is a current live informant who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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May 23, 1956

Informant's Symbol Number: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - Report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON dated April 26, 1953 at New York.

This is a current live informant who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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E. Credibility

There is no information contained in the files of the Los Angeles Office which would reflect against the credibility of the informant.

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-387835)
FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

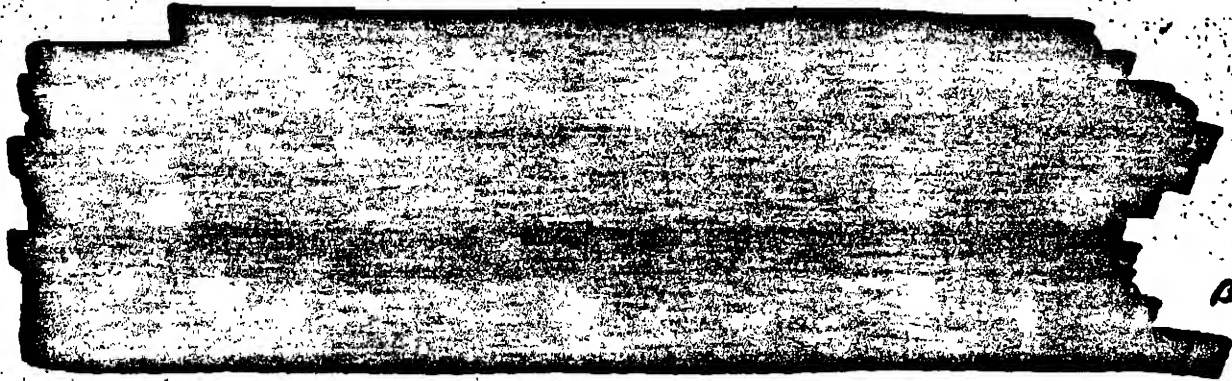
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka.
IS - C; ISA of 1950, (OO: NEW YORK) CINAL

Re WFOairtel 5/17/56 reporting scheduled meeting of DC group of subject organization to be held at Willard Hotel, WDC, on 5/25/56, featuring JOHN WEXLEY as speaker.

On 5/23/56 a trash cover maintained on residence at 202 Nevada Pl., NE, WDC, made available to SA ELMER LEE TODD an announcement re meeting to be held at the Willard Hotel, Friday, May 25th at 8:30 p.m., featuring JOHN WEXLEY as speaker and who would "discuss new evidence which unmasks the perjury in the 'Judgment of MORTON SOBELL'". The announcement identifies JOHN WEXLEY as the author of the book, "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg." The announcement states the meeting would be under the auspices of "Sobell Committee of Washington."



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2-New York (100-107111)
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Re: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
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WFO knows SYLVIA BERNSTEIN and ETHEL WACHSBERG as leaders
of the DC group of subject organization. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable info in the past,
on 7/20/53 identified GERTRUDE EVANS and SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as current
CP members. [REDACTED] identified ETHEL WACHSBERG on 3/20/53 as
a current CP member. [REDACTED]

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FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK [100-107111]

DATE: 5/25/56

FROM : SA WILLIAM D. SAUNDERS [2-17-4]

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
IS-C; ISA of 1950

On 5/25/56, [redacted] furnished the writer
six copies of a 43 page booklet entitled "Prisoner on Our Conscience"
and further identified as "The Story of Morton Sobell" by
Emily and David Alman. He obtained three copies on 5/21/56
from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell,
940 Broadway, N.Y.C., for the purchase price of 20 cents per
copy. [redacted]

[redacted] is identified as [redacted]
[redacted] of the New York Office, who has furnished reliable
information in the past.
The six copies are being made a part of the
1 B Exhibit Section of File 100-107111-1B-728.

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DIRECTOR (100-387835)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka., IS-C; ISA OF 1950. OO New York.

Re my airtel (CINAL) 5/24/56 advising that Hotel Willard, WDC, canceled reservations made by DC group of captioned organization for JOHN WEXLEY lecture scheduled for May 25, 1956.

"The Evening Star" in its edition of Saturday, May 26, 1956, page A-18 columns 1-2, contained article captioned "Hotel Voids Reservation, Sobell Rally is Shifted". This article relates circumstances re cancelation of reservation by Hotel Willard as set forth in re air tel. This article states the Sobell Committee of Washington held its meeting at Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, N. W., with DALE STEELE as Chairman, who stated at this meeting the Committee would discuss further with the Willard Hotel re the cancelation, adding "We'd not going to engage in recriminations. It can all be ironed out."

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5/28/56

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka.

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The above for the info of the Bureau.

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5/28/56

DIRECTOR (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka,
IS - C; ISA OF 1956. GO New York CINAL

Re WFO air tel (CINAL) 5/24/56 advising Willard Hotel
canceled reservations made by Sobell Committee of Washington
for meeting scheduled that hotel 5/25/56 featuring address
by JOHN WEXLEY,

[REDACTED]
On 5/26/56 [REDACTED] both of whom have supplied
reliable information in the past, orally advised SA RAYMOND
L. O'KELLY that a meeting sponsored by the Sobell Committee,
Washington, was held at the Inspiration House during the
evening of 5/25/56 and that 91 individuals attended this
affair. b7D

Informants reported JOHN WEXLEY was the featured speaker
at this affair and devoted most of his talk on his book,
"The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg". During this
talk WEXLEY emphasized that the FBI negotiated with Mexican
authorities to have Sobell transported across Mexican border
in order to effect his arrest in U. S. WEXLEY stated he had
recently visited SOBELL in Alcatraz and learned that SOBELL'S
cell has no windows, is kept in solitary confinement most of
the time, and is questioned each day re the ROSENBERGS.

Informants reported DAVE ALMAN spoke at this meeting
following address by DR. WEXLEY. ALMAN stated he had
originally thought the ROSENBERGS and HORTON SOBELL were
guilty until he read DR. WEXLEY'S book. ALMAN protested
method of interrogation utilized by FBI Agents in question-
ing potential witnesses; stated Agents continually repeated
statements to witnesses, asking if the witness did not
recall previously making such statements; ALMAN referred

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka.

to this type of interrogation by FBI Agents as "Brain-washing". ALMAN stated ten thousand dollars were needed in short period of time to effect SOBELL'S transfer from Alcatraz.

Informants reported copies of WEXLEY'S book were on sale at this affair and it was announced that part of the amount realized from sale of these books would go to local chapter of subject organization and part of the amount would go to SOBELL. 070

Information supplied orally by informants will be reduced to signed statements and filed [REDACTED] 070

"The Evening Star", daily newspaper published in Washington, D. C., in its edition of 5/26/56, page A-16, columns 1-2, contained an article captioned "Hotel Voids Reservation, Sobell Rally is Shifted". This article states the Sobell Committee of Washington held a meeting on 5/25/56 at the Inspiration House in which DALE STEELE was Chairman and which meeting featured an address by JOHN WEXLEY. The article reports WEXLEY called SOBELL "the No. 1 United States political prisoner" adding that he was a victim of the climate of opinion in 1951."

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WFO File by SA's KARL V. HETHERINGTON, EUGENE J. GARBUTT, HILMER H. KREBS and JOSEPH A. CONNORS, JR. on above-described meeting on 5/25/56 and 5/26/56 revealed approximately 100 persons were in attendance. At 12:15 A.M. 5/26/56 AL BERNSTEIN, SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, ETHEL WEICHERD, DON ROTHENBERG, and three unidentified individuals, believed to be DAVID ALMAN, JOHN WEXLEY and his wife, departed Inspiration House and traveled in group via BERNSTEIN'S automobile to Bassin's Restaurant, 1347 E Street, N. W., entering at 12:35 AM; group observed dining at this restaurant until about 2:10 AM at which time group disintegrated.

It is noted that DAVID ALMAN testified before the Public Session of HCUA on 6/4/55 in regard to the subject organization and identified himself as "former Executive Secretary of the

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5/28/56

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case." ALMAN, at this hearing, refused to discuss his connections with the CP. DON ROTHENBERG also testified at public session, HCUA hearings re subject organization on 8/2/55 and refused to answer questions re his position with subject organization or his present or past connections with the CP.

WFO knows SYLVIA BERNSTEIN and ETHEL WEICHBROD as leaders of the D.C. group of captioned organization. It is noted

[REDACTED]
who has supplied reliable information in the past, on 2/26/53 identified AL and SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as current CP members. [REDACTED] on 3/20/53 identified ETHEL WEICHBROD as a current CP member. In September, 1953, [REDACTED] identified DALE STEELE as a current CP member. P. 020

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TO: SAC (100 ¹⁰⁷¹¹¹~~7744~~) (200)
 FROM: SA Samuel W. Fletcher

DATE: 5/28/56

SUBJECT: Rosenberg Committee
 15-C

At 3 PM this date Treasury Agent
 Richard S. Maloney, 90 Church St., room
 1001E, tel. R 2-9100, X 8312, called at this
 office to solicit the names of the
 functionaries of the Rosenberg Committee
 & of its Executive Committee. He knows
 only Joseph Brainin - Chairman &
 Emily Bluman - Treasurer. He requested a
 full listing & desired to know the
 names of other organizations &
 committees with which these persons are
 or have been connected.

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5/29/56
 Maloney was
 called back on
 5/29/56 and advised
 to make his request thru
 work. He stated he now did
 not think it necessary
 to go

This information is needed for a
tax court hearing on Wednesday (5/30/56)
per Maloney altho this is a Holiday,
re a tax claim against the Committee.
Years 1952-53 are involved & some
30,000 is concerned which the Committee
claims was received as gifts but refuses to
identify the donors & which the government
claims is income & subject to tax.

Also in question are the group's
expenses. The Govt. wishes to know that
those expenses were incurred for propaganda
purposes & were not related to the
Lomborgs as individuals.

According to Maloney the monetary issue
is academic since the Committee has no
funds but the same general principles are
involved as in the LHW, secure & the
Govt desires to set a precedent with a
favorable action against this group.

Maloney requested to be contacted on
5-29-56 relative to his request due to the
imminence of court action.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-367835)

5/28/56

SAC, BALTIMORE (100-11241)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
IS-C; ISA of 1950.

(OO: New York)

Re New York airtel to the Bureau dated April 14, 1956.

There are attached as enclosures to this letter *five* copies of
a blank memorandum containing background information concerning [REDACTED] **B7D**

The source in question, [REDACTED] as noted in referenced airtel,
is a valuable, currently active security informant of this office,
who is furnishing security information to this office (Bureau **B7D**
file [REDACTED] **B7C**

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- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 5) (REGISTERED MAIL)
① - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
3 - Baltimore
[REDACTED] **B7D**

*Noted
June
14/6/56*

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ROSE M. LYONS	

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

May 28, 1956

SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re New York airtel to the Director dated 4/14/56.

Transmitted herewith are two sets of blank memoranda concerning informants utilized in the prosecutive summary report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON dated April 28, 1953, at New York.

It should be noted that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] both of whom are members of the Communist Party currently furnishing information to the FBI.

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- 2 - Bureau (RM) (Encls. 10)
 - ① - New York (100-107111) (RM)
 - 1 - Chicago
- PHK:LMA
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Director, FBI (100-387835)

5/29/56

SAC, Dallas (65-1897)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

OO: New York

Re: Bureau airtel to New York, 5/10/56.
Report of SA EDWIN D. KUTENIDALL, 11/14/55, Dallas.

Dallas Confidential Informants [REDACTED] in referenced report are live informants of the Dallas Division, who are currently furnishing information of great value concerning activities of the Communist Party and front groups in the Dallas area. Because of their present value as confidential informants, it is recommended that all of these informants be considered unavailable to testify in SACB or Departmental proceedings. B7D

[REDACTED] B7D
[REDACTED] B7D
It is noted that the Bureau has requested that this information reach the Bureau no later than 6/1/56.

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- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (RM) (AM)
- 2 - New York (100-107111) (AM) (RM)
- 1 - Dallas (65-1897)

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MAY 29 1953

DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka:
National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee,
National Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case,
The Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, The
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton
Sobell
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THUMBNAIL SKETCH

The following is an amended thumbnail sketch of the
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE:

The NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940
Broadway, NYC, and the mailbox servicing this office is
labelled "Sobell Committee".

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were
convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District
of New York (USDC, SDNY) on 3/29/51, of conspiracy to commit
espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were
sentenced to death on 4/5/51, and MORTON SOBELL to thirty years
imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were
legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, NY, on 6/19/53,
and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the
US Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

[Redacted] advised in January, 1952, that the
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
(NCSJRC) was formed on 1/2/52, for the purpose of obtaining a
new trial for the ROSENBERGS. *B7D*

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past,
advised on 10/11/53, that the National Conference on the Rosenberg-
Sobell Case, which was called by the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, was held at the Fine Arts
Building, Chicago, Illinois, on 10/11/53.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - NY (100-90311)(THUMBNAIL SKETCH)
- 1 - NY (100-107111)

PHS:cjl
(4)cjl

100-107111-2073

MAY 20 1953

LETTER TO DIRECTOR, FBI

Re: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka:
National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee,
National Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case,
The Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, The
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton
Sobell
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T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 10/11/53 that the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was formed at the above conference on 10/11/53.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 5/9/56 that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the CP took an extremely active part in assisting the Committee. He added that the CP continued active interest in the NCSJRC and was attempting to secure the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from the US Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, to the East Coast.

BI

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only where absolutely necessary.

T-1 is an Anonymous Source of the Chicago Office as set out in the report of SA RICHARD F. ALLEN, dated 4/17/56 at Chicago.

T-2 is

T-3 is

T-4 is

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The headquarters of the NCSJRC were determined by SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN on 5/7/56 by observation.

Director, FBI (100-387835)

5/29/56

SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
IS - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re New York Airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/14/56.

Re Airtel requested background information in memorandum form suitable for dissemination to the Department regarding certain informants utilized in prosecutive summary report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON, dated 4/28/53, at New York.

Among those informants for whom this information was requested were the following Philadelphia informants:

62 [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] 61

62 [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] 61

[REDACTED] 61

There are being submitted as enclosures to this letter, five copies each for the Bureau, and one copy each for New York, of blank memorandums setting forth pertinent background information concerning these two informants.

- 2 - Bureau (100-387835) (ENCLS.-10) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - New York (100-107111) (ENCLS.-2) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100-37667)

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Shaw
Hunter
W. J. [illegible]

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 2073-A (ATT #1) DATE 5-29-56

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

May 29, 1956

RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

62

[REDACTED] of Prosecutive Summary Report of
SA John A. Harrington, dated April 28, 1953, at New York

This informant has furnished reliable information
in the past.

Background

[REDACTED]

Communist Party History

[REDACTED]

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att #1 to 100-107111-2073A

RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE May 29, 1956

Willingness to Testify

This informant has stated that he is willing to testify.

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ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL

2073A (ATT-2)

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

May 29, 1956

RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

02

SA John A. Harrington, dated April 28, 1953, at New York

This informant has furnished reliable information
in the past.

Background

[REDACTED]

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Communist Party Background

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

att² to 100-107111-2073A

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 2074 DATE 5-31-56

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to Executive Order 11652 as it contains
information which would disclose an intelligence
source. This serial bears the Classification
Officers number ~~100-107111-2074~~.

Seattle, Washington
May 31, 1956

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference is made to report, captioned as above, prepared by SA ROBERT E. MASON at Seattle dated 1/9/56.

Set forth below is information relative to Informants used in referenced report.

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P. Sheridan

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

May 31, 1956

SAC, SEATTLE (100-22197)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re Buairtel to New York 5/10/56 and report of SA ROBERT
E. MASON at Seattle dated 1/9/56.

Buairtel of May 10, 1956 requested this office to ascertain
the present availability of [REDACTED] of referenced report
so that the Department could be guided as to their use in SACB
or Departmental proceedings.

Instant communication is a cover letter and is not for
dissemination. Copies of memos attached were prepared if dis-
semination proves necessary.

4 - Bureau (Encl.-6) (REG.-AM)
2 - New York (100-107111) (REG.-AM) (Encl.-2)
4 - Seattle

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Shenker
P. J. [illegible]

100-107111-2025

FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 2076 DATE 5-31-56

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Employee		Location	
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